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### Next Week's Diary

#### SATURDAY

2.00pm	FYMS Pre-Prep Fun Afternoon has been cancelled		
MOND	AY		
4.45pm 7.00pm	Year 4 Parents' and Tutors' Tea Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents of Children in Reception		
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9.00pm 4.45pm	Year 8 Geography Field Trip Year 3 Parents' and Tutors' Tea		
THURSDAY			

8.40am	Prep School Council, Sports		
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	Eco Team Elections		
4.45pm	Year 8 Parents' and Tutors' Tea		
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6.00pm	Year 8 Picnic Performance		
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# 1.00pm The FYMS Colour Run has been cancelled.

## After School Clubs

After school coaches and clubs are running as usual next week except:

**Monday:** Years 5-8 Masterchef, Years 3 & 4 Design Club (due to the Year 4 Parent Tea)

**Thursday**: Year 1 Swimming Club (due to a swimming gala), Gymnastics, Basketball, Year 6 Squashed Tomato Club (due to the Year 8 Parent Tea).

### **Committee Elections**

Elections for the Prep School's Food Committee, School Council, Sports Committee and the Eco Team will be held next Thursday, 15th September. Pupils from Years 3 to 6 who would like to stand for election to one of the Committees and have not represented their year group on any of the committees before, should let their Head of Year know by the end of school on Tuesday.

# Book of Condolence

Families are invited to come in and sign our Book of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II which will be available in School Reception all next week.

## Welcome to the Autumn Term

We were delighted to welcome all our pupils, parents and staff back after the Summer break. A special warm welcome to the new pupils and staff who have joined us this week. We hope you all settle in quickly and happily for what is going to be a very busy and exciting term.

# Fabulous GCSE PE Results

Many congratulations to last year's Year 8 children who achieved a really superb set of GCSE PE grades.

We were really delighted for them and are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to Mrs Ellis too for enabling the children to achieve such excellent results at the age of 13!

## First Day for our New Reception Children

Very well done to our super new Reception classes for being such superstars in their first week. We are really impressed with how quickly and how well they have all settled into school life.

We are sure they will have a fantastic first year!



# Splashing in Puddles

Rob Upton's latest blog can be found on the School website. The following is a taster:

The dizzy temperatures of early July are but a distant memory now that the more familiar autumnal weather has settled into our lives. But as the climate changes, it is not all bad news. The rain has not only provided welcome relief to our gardens but also a source of joy for the children.

To read the rest of this article click here. To view other blog posts visit the Headmaster's Blog page of the school website.



### **Pre-Prep Awards**

Reception Smiles: All the Reception children for settling in so well.

### Parents' and Tutors' Welcome Teas

Our series of Parents' and Tutors' Teas will continue next week with three more welcome evenings.

The **Year 4 evening** will take place on Monday 12th September and the **Year 3 event** will take place on Tuesday 13th September, both 4.45pm in Johnson and Bronte.

The Year 8 Parent and Tutors' Tea and French Trip Briefing will take place on Thursday 15th September at 4.45pm in Abraham.

## Phonics and Reading Workshop for Reception

The Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents of children in Reception will take place on Monday 12th September at 7.00pm in Pre-Prep.

The session will explain how Reading and Phonics will be covered in school and how you can support your child at home.

We expect the workshop to last approximately an hour.

## Year 6 and Year 8 Personal Statements

Year 6 and Year 8 children were today given a paper copy of the personal statement forms to complete by Monday 19th September.

Digital copies are available (on the links above) in case you prefer to complete the form digitally. Completed forms should be given/emailed to form tutors.

## Year 6 Homework

From the start of this academic year and until the end of the Autumn term, children in Year 6 will have four homeworks each week (English, Maths, French and Science).

The Humanities subjects, History, Geography and RS, will be added in rotation at the start of the Spring Term 2023. The children will therefore have a total of six pieces of homework one week and five pieces the next.

# House Points and Bonuses

	Prep Bonuses	Prep House Points	Prep Overall	Pre-Prep House Points
Fyson	4th	3rd	4th	3rd
Kingsley	3rd	2nd	2nd	4th
School	1st	4th	3rd	2nd
Stanley	2nd	1st	1st	1st

Prep Bonus Point Winner:	School
Prep House Point Winner:	Stanley
Prep Overall Winner:	Stanley
Pre-Prep House Point Winner:	Stanley

Children in Year 3 and up have already been working hard to win bonus and house points and those in Year 1 and Year 2 have been trying hard to gain house points.

In Prep, bonus points are awarded for Attitude to Learning and as a result of a graded or assessed piece of work. Two are automatically awarded for an A grade and one for a B grade. House points may be earned as a reward for commendable acts which are not academically focused. They are also awarded weekly for well-kept record books. House points may also be lost through misdemeanours.

In Pre-Prep, house points are awarded for academic hardwork and commendable behaviour.

Each week one house wins the Bonus Point Trophy, one house wins the Prep House Point Trophy and one house will win the Pre-Prep House Points Trophy.

### No Ceiling on Learning - Year 7 & 8 Curriculum Explored

Robert Upton will be hosting a virtual meeting entitled 'No Ceiling on Learning – Years 7 and 8 Curriculum Explored" for parents of children from Year 3 upwards on Tuesday 20th September at 7.00pm

We hope that this event will give parents an idea of the rich and varied curriculum that is on offer for our senior pupils. These are vitally important years in a child's education and we are incredibly proud of the huge progress our Year 7 and 8 children make with our tailored mixture of challenge and support. Our academic programme is stimulating and the children benefit from specialist teaching in small groups by staff who know the children well.

If you would like to find out more please complete the form <u>that can be found here</u> and a link to the meeting will be sent to you nearer the time.

### Year 5 Homework

At the start of this academic year, children in Year 5 will have two homework tasks each week in English and Maths.

French and Science will be added after October half term. This homework timetable (ie English, Maths, Science and French) will be in operation from October half term for the rest of the academic year.

We introduced this phased homework pattern several years ago to ease the transition from Year 4 to Year 5 and feedback has been positive.

We consider it important that pupils start to acquire the homework habit, which is essential in developing individual learning skills.

## Congratulations To ....

Rex Macoraghty-Mines (5CD) who

passed his Rockschool Grade 2 Electric Guitar exam with Merit.

**Evelyn Wilson (7HSR)** who was awarded a bronze medal at the All England Dance Finals in July as part of a classical Greek group dance.

#### Charlotte Elener (6PRM)

who won the U11 girls 'Spirit of Cricket' award at Hartley Wintney CC for the 2nd year running. Very well done **Charlotte.** 



The girls who received end of season awards from Yateley Cricket Club: **Matilda** (U11 Batter of the Year for Hardball), **Lily** (U11 Fielder of the Year for Hardball)

Abigail (U11 Spirit Award for Softball), **Sophie** (U9 Fielder of the Year for Softball), and **Hannah** (U9 Bowler of the Year for Softball). Congratulations to them all.





## Happy Birthday to ...

Riyan Athwain 5 Finn Aumonier 11 Jacob Brown 10 Freddie Harris-Briggs 8 Harry Hennessy 11 Amadou Jallow 13 Callum Maclean 7 Milo Montford 12 Bhavya Nilekar 3 Zen Pandey 11



# Friends of Yateley Manor School Corner

Friends of Yateley Manor (FYMS) were busy during the summer holidays planning ahead for the new academic year. We had an incredible year last year, raising enough money for the smaller playground equipment and storage for the Prep children. The storage unit has been ordered, but as with everything right now the delivery date has been pushed out until October half term. The smaller playground equipment is being ordered now and will have all arrived by October half term as well.

Our next fundraising target is £10k, which is to fund a timber trim trail, with a stretch target of another £10k for a zip line. We have already raised £3k for the trim trail and have an exciting schedule of events and initiatives planned for this term to raise more. **Late September:** IQ cards can turn your childrens' artwork into Christmas cards and

wrapping paper. More details will be shared in the next couple of weeks

**Saturday 12th November:** FYMS Barn Dance! Following the success of last year's barn dance, we are hosting another one, just for the adults! We are back at Meade Hall, Minley with a new band called The Ceilidh Tree. Tickets will be live on our <u>website to buy from</u> Monday 12th September. There are limited tickets available so be sure to get yours soon.

**Saturday 3rd December:** FYMS Winter Wonderland. The Christmas Fair is one of our staple fundraising events in the academic year. Please save the date in the diary! Everyone is welcome. We will be holding separate planning meetings for the fair and if you would like to get involved then please contact us at fyms@mail.com.

**Thursday 8th December:** Christmas Wreath Making. Lucy will be helping make our own beautiful Christmas wreaths for the front door. Tickets are limited so you need to be quick! **Friday 9th December:** Prep Christmas Discos. Save the date!

**Wednesday 14th December:** Nursery & Pre-Prep Christmas Parties (during school time). We have **postponed** our Nursery and Pre-Prep Fun Afternoon, as well as the Colour Run as a mark of respect for HM Queen Elizabeth. It is our intention to host the Nursery and Pre-Prep Fun Afternoon on Sunday 25th September. We are looking to host the Colour Run later in the Spring term. All ticket holders will be contacted over the coming days. As always, keep up to date with us via our social media channels - Facebook and Instagram. We also have FYMS reps who post to the year group WhatsApp chats. If you are not yet connected, then get in touch via f<u>yms@mail.com</u> and we can make that happen.

### Associated Board Music Exams

This term's Associated Board Music Exams will take place in school on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th November. Children who have music lessons outside school are also able to take exams in school. Parents who wish to arrange an examination in school for their child should complete the form which can be obtained from <u>Jennifer Hustler</u>.

Pupils who take individual lessons in school and are taking an exam this term will have a form sent home by their instrumental teacher.

Forms should be returned to Jen Hustler, Director of Music, by Friday 21st October.

### Menu week commencing 12th September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day
Main Event	Crispy Chicken with Peppers and Sweet Chilli Sauce	Cumberland Sausage Chicken Sausage Lamb and Rosemary Sausage	Roasted Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Breaded Pollock Lemon Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Section	Bang- Bang Cauliflower	Veggie Sausage	Lentil and Butternut Squash Stew	Tomato and Aubergine Lasagne	Quorn Nuggets
Sides	Soya Noodles Prawn Crackers Green mixed Vegetables	Onion Gravy Creamed Potatoes Peas and Carrots	Herb Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Yorkshire Pudding	Roasted Peppers and Courgettes Garlic Bread	Chips Peas Baked Beans
Extras	Daily Salad Selection Jacket Bar	Daily Salad Selection Jacket Bar	Daily Salad Selection Jacket Bar	Daily Salad Selection Jacket Bar	Daily Salad Selection Jacket Bar
Dessert	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day

Next week's fixture list				
Wednesday	2.30pm <b>Football</b> v Farleigh U13, U11A, U11B, U11C, U11D, U10A U10B & U10C <b>Away</b> at Farleigh (see below)			
	2.30pm Hockey v Holme Grange U13, U11A & U11B Home at Yateley Hockey Club, U10A & U10B Away			
	at Cantley Park, U11/U10C Away at Holme Grange			
Thursday	4.30pm Swimming Gala v LVS U9 & U8 Away			
Friday	2.15pm Football v Daneshill U8s Home, U9s Away 2.15pm Hockey v Daneshill U9A & U9B Home at Yateley Hockey Club, U8A & U8B Away			
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### Fixture Changes for next week

Please note the following fixture change for next week:

Wednesday: All the football fixtures will now take place at Farleigh including the U10A, U10B & U10C. There will be no boys matches at home.

### Gum Shields and Shin Pads for Children in Years 3 to 8

A reminder that all Yateley Manor children in Years 3 upwards must wear a mouth guard/gum shield for playing hockey and rugby. Boil and fit gum shields are available from sports shops and the School Shop. Some parents prefer to purchase gum shields which are professionally fitted and offer a greater level of protection (not recommended for children in Years 3 and 4 because their teeth change so quickly). These can be organised though your dentist or alternatively visit the <u>Opro website</u>.

Girls in Year 3 upwards will need gum shields from now whilst the boys in Year 3 upwards will need them from November.

If your child forgets to bring their gum shield on match day and one is necessary to play, we will provide one and add a £5 charge to your end of term account.

Children also require shin pads for both hockey and football.

### Pentathlon

Tristan Morris will be running a two hour Pentathlon Training session at Yateley Manor on **Saturday 24th September.** The session will run from 4.00pm and 6.00pm and costs £25. Laser Shooting, Running & Fencing (epee) training sessions are designed for Year 3 and upwards and cater for any ability. The <u>booking form for the session can be found</u> here.\_\_\_\_

### Addresses

If you have changed your address, phone number, mobile number or email address during the summer please let us know so that we can keep our records up to date.

### **Important Club Information**

**Pre-Prep Clubs:** There are a couple of changes to Pre-Prep clubs frrom those published in the calendar. Miss Dearing's Art Club will run on Tuesdays and Mrs Hall's Hama Beads Club on Wednesdays.

**Chess Masterclass** begins for Group 'A' on Tuesday September 13th. Parents of children in this term's Group 'A' have already been notified via e-mail. A full rota for the term for Groups 'A' and 'B' will be published to parents next week.

**Painting Club:** Mrs Starr and Mrs Newman will again be running a Painting Club on Friday evenings from 4.30 - 5.30pm beginning next Friday September 16th. Children in Years 7 and 8 will be able to attend the club during the autumn term, pupils in Years 5 and 6 during the spring term and those in Years 3 and 4 during the summer term. Mr Head has sent out a separate invitation to parents of pupils in Years 7 & 8. Places are limited to twelve per term and emails allowing parents to register for this club will be sent to parents at the start of each term.

**Skiing Club:** Please note that places on Friday evening's Ski Training Sessions are limited and are subject to an extra charge. Tristan Morris is in the final stages of confirming dates with Aldershot Ski Centre and further information will be sent home next week.

**Music Practice Club** runs during after-school club time every evening except Wednesdays. It is open to all children in Years 3 - 8 who have lessons on a musical instrument/voice, whether in or outside school. The purpose of the club is to provide an opportunity for independent practice, taking advantage of the fantastic practice room facilities in the Music School, under the supervision of Mrs Gough, the school violin teacher.

The session is pupil-led, but with Mrs Gough on hand to provide guidance, help with theory, aural or to accompany students working towards a performance or exam. There are also opportunities for children to work together in twos if they wish, and to perform for each other should they want to. Children need to bring their instrument and/or music with them for the session, and to be prepared to use the time for practice and music theory work.

This club does not require a regular commitment - any pupil wishing to attend should just sign up on the day at School Reception. We all know that progress on a musical instrument is not possible without regular practice, so this is a perfect opportunity for children to get their music practice ticked off the list before they get home!

# **Communication with Parents**

**INAMOS,** our weekly newsletter, contains lots of information about forthcoming events, reminders of parent meetings, match information, lunch menu, cancelled clubs and much more. It is posted onto the school website, usually on Friday evenings, and a link to it is emailed to all parents.

On the <u>home page of the school website</u> there is a link to the INAMOS page. Here you can find the most recent edition as well as issues from earlier in the term. Editions of INAMOS from recent terms can be found on the INAMOS Archive page.

Please read INAMOS regularly to keep up to date on information that you need to know.

We are also happy to email the link to pupils who may like to read INAMOS on a weekly basis. If you would like your child to receive the link please send their email address to <u>Penny Charles</u>.

**Email:** Some information, including letters from the Headmaster, will be sent to parents by email. Please remember to let us know if you change your email address. Unfortunately, some email providers do not allow bulk emails through their filters and therefore a small number of parents may not receive these emails. Parents who do not receive a weekly INAMOS email should contact <u>Penny</u> <u>Charles</u>. Similarly if you would like another email address added to our distribution lists please also let her know.

**Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:** Photographs of events are regularly posted to the school Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts so that parents, grandparents and friends can keep up-to-date with everything going on at Yateley Manor. You do not need to have your own Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts to be able to look at our pages. Links to both <u>Facebook</u>, the <u>School Twitter</u> <u>Feed</u> and <u>Instagram</u> can be found on the homepage of the school website.

If you do have Facebook, Twitter or Instagram why not *like* our Facebook page or *follow* us on Twitter and Instagram so that feeds come directly to you. Please note that we do not name children on social media. Please help us keep our children safe by not naming them in the comments of a photogaph.

#### **Science Week Sunflowers**

Back in March, for British Science Week all children from Nursery to Year 8 were given an envelope of sunflower seeds and some instructions. The Science Department challenged the children to grow the tallest sunflower. We hope that the sunflowers grew well over the summer and we look forward to hearing how tall they were.

Competition entries are due by 12th September, and can be emailed to <u>HeJenkins@</u> <u>yateleymanor.com</u>.

# Autumn Form Captains and Vice Captains

Form	Form Captain	Vice Captain
6AER	Shreya Jaiswal	James Norbury
6BCS	Havish Nalagesigari	Lily Norbury
6AT	Charlotte Hendry	Garet Anderson
6PRM	Charlotte Elener	Tarika Patel
6OCU	Maulik Khadka	Alex Ng
5CD	Rex Macoraghty-Mines	Nancy Middleton
5MJB	Seb King	Hannah Stuart-King
5NCD	Tom McGinty	Lucy Jennings
5TLM	Grace Wilson	Joshua Clark
4GHC	Niamh Lumpkin	Toby La Pensee
4GJR	Anushka Lal	FelixWooledge
455	Isaac Perry	Amelia Osborne
ЗНЈ	Sylvie Jones	Reuben Elliott
ЗРТ	Viraj Sahajpal	Ruby Porter

### **Baby Congratulations**

Many congratulations to **Alex Young and her husband Nick** on the safe arrival of their son **Theodore (Theo) Ivor Young** who was born on 1st September

weighing 7lb and 1oz. We are delighted for them and excited to welcome Theo to the Yateley Manor family.



### Yateley Hockey Club

Yateley Hockey Club are holding a Club Day this Sunday 11th September. Come along and play between 9.45am and 11.00am for children in Year 5 or below or between 11.00am and 12.30pm for Year 6 and above.

The club will be running an 8 week course on Sunday mornings for children aged 5 to 8 and also have regular club sessions for children of all ages on Sundays and weekday evenings.

For more information about their <u>Club Day</u> <u>click here.</u>

### **School Shop**

The school shop is open for parents to purchase school uniform on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. We are only able to have one parent and their children in the shop at any one time. Parents will be asked to wait in School Reception if someone is already in the school shop.

Mail order from the shop is still available. Please download and complete the order form which can be <u>found on the school website</u>. Completed forms should be emailed to <u>shop@yateleymanor.com</u>. Information about payment and collection of mail orders is also on the webiste.

**Second Hand Uniform:** Please note that we are currently not able to take any second hand uniform to sell in the School Shop.

### Breakfast Service Extending to Wednesdays

The reintroduction last term of Breakfast Club on Fridays proved extremely popular with Yateley Manor families. The club will therefore continue with breakfast being served on Fridays in the Fyson Blum Hall between 8.00am and 8.20am to Yateley Manor children and their parents. Children in Year 3 and above may attend alone but those in Year 2 or below should be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

A full English breakfast costs £3.00 and a cereal and toast option is £1.50 in cash on the day. Alternatively breakfast vouchers can be bought ahead of time from School Reception at the price of £25.00 for 10 full English vouchers or £13.00 for 10 cereal and toast breakfasts.

Breakfast will also now be served on **Wednesday mornings.** On Wednesdays, a sausage or bacon roll, along with choice of cereal and fruit juice will cost just £1.50.

### House Poety Performance Competition

We are excited to announce that we will be marking National Poetry Day by holding the Yateley Manor Inter-House Poetry Performance Competition.

We are hoping that children in Year 1 upwards will participate in this venture by learning and performing a poem. Those in Year 3 upwards may select their own poem and those in Years 1 and 2 will be given a choice of pre-selected poems.

House staff and form teachers will support the children to learn their poems over the coming weeks and help from home will be greatly appreciated. Poem performances will take place in English lessons during the week commencing 3rd October, leading up to National Poetry Day, which falls this year on Thursday 6th October.

We will be encouraging every child to take part in the competition in order to score points for their house. Consideration will, of course, be given to those who find performance to an audience nerve-wracking but we hope that this competiton will give each child the chance to develop their public speaking abilities and confidence – vital life skills. More information will be emailed to parents.

### **Music Opportunities**

The new school year has started well in the Music School and Jennifer Hustler, our Director of Music, has been pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the children. In class music lessons, she has outlined some of the opportunities available to the children.

Individual music lessons are offered on a wide range of instruments. If you are interested in individual lessons for your child, please contact Jennifer Hustler, our Director of Music, or collect an information sheet from School Reception.

We offer introductory lessons for violin for children in Years 1 and 2, cello for children in Years 3 and 4 and clarinet for children in Years 4 to 8. Our peripatetic teachers give ten lessons to groups of four children. This gives them the opportunity to try the instrument within a small group and decide if they would like to continue with individual lessons afterwards. There is no charge for these sessions but there will be a one-time fee for instrument hire. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first served basis. An email with information about these groups has been sent to parents.

All musical ensembles that did not start this week will be beginning next week. Yateley Manor currently has 14 musical ensembles which meet weekly including four choirs, Manor Rocks, Manor Cool Keys, Wind Band, Percussion Group, Ukulele Group and Strings Groups.

Music Practice clubs have already started for this term (please see page 5 for more information). Individual music lessons have also already started.

### Year 6 Presentation Skills Workshop

Year 6 had an invaluable Interview Skills Workshop on Friday morning led by Tracy Squirrell. Discussion and practical activities explored





the importance of first impressions, how to create a positive impact and making words effective through the use of body language and tone of voice. They also discussed how to respond to interview questions and practised putting their news skills into action.